

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES COMMISSION**

Minutes: Meeting of Sister Cities Commission (SCC)
Date of Meeting: Thursday, February 23, 2006
Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Committee Meeting Rm.

I. Roll Vice Chair Arthur called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners/Alternates Present: Arthur, Chahal, Garcia, Mateo, McCarter, Swiger
Commissioners Absent: Arefi, Grilli, Iringan
City Council Liaison Present: Bob Livengood
MUSD Liaison Absent: Marsha Grilli

II. Alternates Alternate McCarter was seated.

III. Minutes **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of January 26, 2006.

M/S: Garcia/Arthur	Ayes: Arthur, Chahal, Garcia, Mateo, McCarter Abstain: Swiger
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IV. Agenda **MOTION** to approve the February 23, 2006 agenda.

M/S: Garcia/Mateo	Ayes: All
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V. Announcements/Correspondence

Staff announced that Commissioner Iringan had resigned due to his full time job duties.
Staff announced that she received an e-mail from the San Francisco Japanese Consulate regarding an invitation to participate in the Cherry Blossom Festival in April 2006. Staff noted that the festival is two full weekends, which would take a significant amount of time, as well as the need for volunteers if the commission chose to participate.

VI. Citizen's Forum

None attending.

XII. Old Business

1. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP MILPITAS-TO-HUIZHOU CULTURAL EXCHANGE: APRIL 2006

The lead commissioner Chair Grilli was absent so no new information was given. Staff distributed a letter from Mayor Yebin of Huizhou, which contained his thanks for the visits that have occurred and noted that he is looking forward to further visits.

2. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILLIPINES: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Given that Commissioner Iringan resigned, a request was made for either Commissioner Mateo or another commissioner to take over as the lead. Mateo noted that she is very busy with her job but she could help out. Commissioner Garcia suggested that two commissioners could work together. Mateo suggested that perhaps she could be a co-leader with Chair Grilli until she is fully trained, and then perhaps take over as the lead person. She noted that she is already working on getting host families and needs more details about host family responsibilities and expectations.

3. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP MILPITAS-TO-TSUKUBA CULTURAL EXCHANGE: June 19, 2006 – June 28, 2006

Vice Chair Arthur noted that March 3rd is the deadline for applications, and she will be sending a letter to applicants with details about the exchange. She noted that the airfare is much higher this year at \$906 and no group discounts are available. She stated that it might be possible to obtain a lower fare in April. The orientation will be on April 26th and the airfare would need to be paid at that time. She received an e-mail from Tsukuba stating that no matter how many students or adults participate, they would like to have participation from a city delegation. Tsukuba is planning a special ten year special celebration so they are requesting that Mayor Esteves and/or one or two city council people should attend. Arthur does not yet know if Mayor Esteves will attend. Staff noted invitations were sent to the City Council and elected officials. Arthur noted she had not heard anything from them and asked staff to send a reminder to the City Council.

4. ITALIAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH

No report given.

XIII. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Livengood noted that the commissioner recognition event would take place at the City Council meeting on April 4, 2006, and he hoped that all of the commissioners would be able to attend.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sister City Relationships/Cultural Exchanges:
 - a. Tsukuba City, Japan
 - b. Dagupan City, Philippines
 - c. Huizhou City, China
2. European Sister City Research
3. 2006 Work Plan Update, as needed

X. Adjournment

No further business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 23, 2006.

MOTION to adjourn.

M/S: Garcia/Mateo Ayes: All

Respectfully Submitted,

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